

ful if Henry himself was influenced by them, especially as *The Prince* was not published until five years after the authors' death, namely in 1532, and the breach with Rome had begun before that. Cardinal Wolsey had been indicted in 1529, and Parliament had begun the Reformation legislation in its session of 1530-1. Moreover Henry's policy in raising the importance of Parliament in the government of his realm was opposed to the basic principle of Machiavelli's policy. In 1543 Henry told the Commons:

"We be informed by our Judges that we at no time stand so high in our estate royal as in the time of Parliament, when we as head and you as members are conjoined and knit together in one body politic."

That declaration comports ill with the doctrines of one who did indeed exalt monarchical absolutism to its summit, not, if we read him aright, as a means of governing the world at large nor as a policy for all time, but as an expedient for redressing the humiliation of Italy whose ship of State was in a worse condition of wreck in his time than it was when salvaged a few years ago by Mussolini.

There are other views in Mr. Dark's little book which challenge criticism, but enough has been said to show that it hardly fulfills its purpose, namely, to provide in handy form for the average reader a pleasantly-written, and at the same time a thoroughly reliable, survey of one of the great epochs of history.

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SIR,—In *Hoare v. Silverlock* (1848), 12 Q.B. 625 at p. 632, Lord Denman, C.J., says: "Black men have not been declared to be criminal by any Act of Parliament"; and "The 'Friday' alluded to in *Forbes v. King* (1 Dowl. P.C. 672) was a very respectable person."

Was Lord Denman, then, one of those celebrated by Juvenal, iii, 30: "qui nigrum in candida vertunt"? And what are we to do about old Horace's warning, Sat. 1, 4, 85: "Hic niger est; hunc tu, Romane, caveto?" (Is there any other old Victorian who remembers with me, S. W. horrifying "Old Trin." by translating this: "He is a nigger?")